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NEGRO MONTH SUBJECTS

1. Status of Negro Race in Present Crisis -----February 6
2. Race Relations -----February 8
3. The need of a New Program for Racial Development
for the next 50 years -----February 13
4. Problem of Negro Health-----February 15
5. Development of Negro Church and Ministry-----February 20

CALENDAR

1. Central Texas District Medical Association Meeting -
Dr. A. L. Hunter, President ---February 20
2. Holiday ---- February 22, 1934 - Washington's Birthday
3. Second Faculty Debate -----February 25
4. Better Homes Week -----February 27 & Mar 1

ATTACHED

1. You will find hereto attached the Objectives of Prairie View set up by the Committee on Objectives. Kindly study these findings and feel free to make recommendations and suggestions.
2. For your Information and Guidance I am handing you a list of Projects - fifteen in number -- which the Institution will carry out this year.

AND FINALLY

These prophetic words, coming from an educational Statesman several years ago, are truer today than ever.

" We shall prosper and be independent in proportion as we put Skill and Intelligence in the Common tasks of life and do each so well, however small, that no one can improve upon it". - Booker T. Washington.

I am

Yours truly,

W. R. Banks

W. R. Banks
Principal

P. S. Meeting at same time and place.

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PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE

Prairie View, Texas

P-R-O-J-E-C-T-S

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1. Waller County Schools..... Potts and Griffith
2. State Health Survey..... Mr. Bullock, et cetera
3. Waller County Survey Messrs Bullock, Potts,
Griffith, Drs Franklin, Smith
and Miss Mathis
4. Fifth Conference on Education for Negroes... Committee
5. Survey of Negro Life - radius of ten miles of Prairie View -
6. Education Bulletin..... Committees
7. Interscholastic League..... Mr. Waller
8. Judging contests Mr. Potts & Miss May
(a) Home Economics (b) Agriculture
9. Vocational Basket Ball Team Mr. Potts & Mr. Church Banks
10. Inter-collegiate relay and Tennis Dr. Evans and Committee
11. Advertisement..... Dr. Evans & Committee
12. Catalogue Dr. Evans & Committee
13. A Study of Federal Relief Committee
14. A Recheck of Objectives Directors & Faculty members
15. Annual Clinic Dr. Franklin & Staff
16. Farmers Short Course Mr. Waller and Mrs. Rowan
17. Presbyterian Conference for ^{WOMEN} ~~some~~....Miss Suarez & Nautilus Club

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6. Culture--
The committee thought it advisable to group the objectives of the institution under three main headings, namely: General, Inspirational, and Divisional.

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General Objectives

1. Mastery of the tools of learning upon which more advanced learning depends--
 - a. Skill in the use of the English language.
 - b. Skill in the use of a foreign language required in some fields of specialization.
 - c. Knowledge of simple research methods and statistics.
2. Vocational Insight.
 - a. Preparation for economic independence.
 - b. To acquaint students with and guide them into new and sparsely filled occupations; such as counselors, statisticians, critic teachers and Normal School Instructors.
 - c. To foster an appreciation of duty and personal responsibility, and habits of application and industry.
3. Acquaintance with Negro accomplishments and development of race pride and morale.
4. Citizenship--An understanding of its duties.
 - a. Knowledge of Texas laws, history, government, and resources.
 - b. Respect for law and order--local and countrywide.
 - c. Self-control
 - d. Directed Student Government, self-expression and direction.
 - e. Constructive traditional school spirit and consciousness.
 - f. Understanding of the principles underlying conduct of ordinary business and commercial transaction.
5. Minority group technique for survival--training for leadership--training in self-reliance.

6. Culture--
 - a. Courtesy; high regard for womanhood, manhood and general acts of courteous behavior.
 - b. Appreciation of literature and the fine arts.
 - c. Attention to attire.
 - d. Insight into world problems
 - e. Broader perspective of life.
7. Thrift--
 - a. A knowledge and a willingness to accommodate expenditures to earning power.
 - b. Encouragement of the simple life.
8. Social Intelligence--background of information and social experience that will enable one to render correct judgement in matters of social concern.
9. Health--
 - a. Development of physical fitness.
 - b. Information on healthful living with an appreciation of the ideal of a sound mind in a sound body, conducive to personal habits of a high order gained through the conscious application of the principles of hygiene living.
10. World outlook---Internationalism--Inter-racial good will, tolerance and understanding.
11. Moral and intellectual honesty--"To inculcate a sense of honor, a regard for truth and honesty.
12. Constructive student-faculty relationships through cooperative searching for new and higher undiscovered truth.
13. Worthy use of leisure.
14. Worthy home membership.
15. Development of latent and known talent and ability; revelation of unknown talent.
16. Encouragement of a reasonable number of students to do graduate work.

17. Stimulation of greater interest in and appreciation for industrial education.

18. Encouragement and promotion of research--both Institutional and Individual.

- a. Through Educational Conferences held at the institution.
- b. Through individual research projects of teachers and students.
- c. Through the encouragement of advanced study on the part of employees.

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Inspirational Objectives

1. Encouragement and promotion of inspirational activities for the State--

- a. Through the Interscholastic League.
- b. Through the Farmers' Short Course.
- c. Through the Agricultural Basketball Tournament.
- d. Through the Vocational Judging Contest.
- e. Through Inter-Collegiate Relays and Tennis Tournament.
- f. Through Southwestern Tennis Tournament.
- g. Through Home Economics Judging Contest.
- h. Through Presbyterian Women's Conference.
- i. Through summer conferences for teachers of Vocational Agriculture.
- j. Through conferences on Negro Education.
- k. Through other activities touching people of the State.

Divisional Objectives

1. AGRICULTURE

1. Preparation of

- a. Efficient Farmers,
- b. Vocational Teachers,
- c. Extension Teachers,
- d. Farm Superintendents,
- e. Marketing Specialists.

2. Establishment and maintenance of an experiment and research station for the discovery and dissemination of new truths in Agriculture.

2. ARTS AND SCIENCES

1. Preparation of teachers, principals, and supervisors for efficient service in the public and private schools of the State both elementary and secondary.
2. Mastery of the tools of learning upon which vocational and professional learning depends.

3. EXTENSION SERVICE

1. Encouragement of a higher standard of living among persons not attending or resident in the college.
2. Practical demonstrations in Agriculture.
3. Practical demonstrations in Home Making.

⁴ H O M E E C O N O M I C S

1. Preparation of
 - a. Efficient Home Makers,
 - b. Vocational Home Economic Teachers,
 - c. Home Demonstration Agents,
 - d. Jeanes Supervisors,
 - e. Commercial Managers,
 - f. Institutional Managers.
2. Establishment and maintenance of an experiment and research station for the discovery and dissemination of new truths in Home Economics.

⁵ M E C H A N I C A L A R T S

1. Training of students in the underlying principles of engineering and industry.
 - a. Proficiency in the use of the applied sciences which form the basis for designing machinery and structures.
 - b. Proficiency in the making and reading of architectural and engineering drawings.
 - c. Proficiency in estimating.
 - d. Fundamental principles of mechanical and structural design.
 - e. Knowledge of industrial management and production methods.
2. Teaching those branches of engineering and trades which offer opportunities for Negroes in the South-west.
3. Training of teachers of Manual Arts and Industrial Education.

⁶NURSING EDUCATION

1. Establishment and maintenance of adequate equipment, thereby, enabling the rendition of a more reliable and complete health service to the students and employees of Prairie View College and other persons of the State.
2. The training of Internes and Nurses for the purpose of disseminating the fundamental principles of health and correct living among the Negroes.
3. The making of Prairie View a center for Health Information among the Negroes of the Southwest.
4. The making of Prairie View a medical center for members of the medical profession.
5. Training students for the positions as private nurses, supervisors, and superintendents of hospitals and Nurse Training Schools.

Now that Spring is approaching, let us make every effort to beautify our yards so that the entire campus community will have the appearance of a Park.

APPRECIATION -

At our last Workers' Meeting a suggestion was made that each one of us give at least five cents each to the support of three important organizations existing solely for the welfare of Negroes. Already some have made their contributions. Let us bring to the meeting Tuesday night our donations.

EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE -

What promises to be the best and most significant Educational Conference which we have ever had, will come Friday March 9. Negro Health will be the theme. This study is made possible by Committees under the direction of Professor Bullock and Dr. Smith. In commenting on the importance of this Meeting, Dr. S. L. Smith of the Julius Rosenwald Fund has this to say: "It is said that the health of the Negro is but little farther advanced now than that of the White a quarter of a Century ago".

Cordially yours,